Steps taken to meet this demand in country, interalia, include opening ,of new mines, modernisation of existing mines, application of new technology, ensuring timely availability of inputs and infrastructural facilities, better capacity utilisation and maintaining good industrial relations.

Out of total plan outlay of Rs. 2260 crores for CIL, for 1995-96, gross budge-tary support is Rs. 241 crores. No interest subsidy has been provided. In CIL, at present 17 major projects each costing Rs. 100 crores and more are under implementation. Adequate funds have been provided for implemnting these projects.

(d) A provision of Rs. 20.20 crores for Research and Development Ql&D) activities made in the budget estimates .for the year 1995-96. The R&D activities are taken up in identified thrust areas and benefits of these schemes are available for all coal and lignite producing "areas including those in Rajasthan and Orissa.

Gaseous mines under Bharat Coal Limited

7599. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: (a) the number of gaseous mines under Bharat Coal Limited;

(b) the number of labourers working in such mines;

(c) whether self-rescuer equipments have been provided to all these labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the cost of such equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) All under-ground coal mines in the country are treated as gassy and categorised by degree of gassiness as per Regulations 2(12A), 12(B) and 12(C) of Coal Mines Regulations, 1957. 80 underground mines of Bharat Coking coal Limited (BCCL) are categorised in Degree III, II & I of gassiness. Average daily attendance of workers in these underground mines is around 51,750.

(c) All underground workers of mines of degree Ill & II of gassiness and 25 per cent of workers of mines of degree I of gassiness of BCCL have been provided with Self-Rescuers.

(d) The cost of a filter type Self Rescuer is around Rs. 1500|-.

कोयला क्षेत्रों में माफिया की गतिविधियां

7600. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री मूल चन्द मीणा :

क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या कई कोयला क्षेत्रों में कोयला माफिया की गतिविधियां बढ़ रही हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने ऐसे कोयला क्षेत्रों का पता लगाया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) कोयला माफिया की गतिविधियां रोकने और इन क्षेत्रों में कोयले की चोरी रोकने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गये हैं ;

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : (क) कोयला कंपनियों के कार्य क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत आने वाले क्षेत्रों में कोयला माफिया के क्रियाकलापों में वृद्धि होने के संबंध में कोई लक्ष्य नोटिस में नहीं आया है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है ।